IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:

\$ Case No. 24-31596

\$ MMA LAW FIRM, PLLC

\$ Chapter 11

\$ Debtor.

<u>DEBTOR'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY</u> WITH CRISTOBAL M. GALINDO, PC

THIS MOTION SEEKS AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOU MUST FILE AND SERVE YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS WAS SERVED ON YOU. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE MOTION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE MOTION AT THE HEARING.

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. IF THE COURT CONSIDERS THE MOTION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, THEN YOU WILL HAVE LESS THAN 21 DAYS TO ANSWER. IF YOU OBJECT TO THE REQUESTED RELIEF OR IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU SHOULD FILE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

MMA Law Firm, PLLC (the "**Debtor**" or "**MMA**") hereby files this *Motion to* Compromise Controversy with Cristobal M. Galindo, PC ("**GLF**"), (the "**9019 Motion**"), and respectfully shows the Court the following:

RELEVANT FACTS

- 1. MMA files this 9019 Motion seeking Bankruptcy Court approval to settle multiple disputes with GLF.
- 2. MMA is a Texas-based litigation firm that represented thousands of clients in insurance claims following Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta, and Ida (collectively, the "Hurricane Cases").
- 3. In a substantial number of the Hurricane Cases, MMA entered into co-counsel agreements with GLF, under which both firms jointly represented clients on a contingency fee basis (the "MMA/Galindo Cases").
- 4. On March 3, 2023, the Honorable James D. Cain, Jr., United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, issued an order suspending the licenses of all attorneys affiliated with MMA for a period of ninety (90) days (the "Suspension Order").
- 5. Following the entry of the Suspension Order, numerous third-party law firms (collectively, the "Successor Firms") assumed legal representation of thousands of clients previously jointly represented by MMA and GLF in the MMA/Galindo Cases. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this Agreement, "Successor Firms" does not include GLF.
- 6. On April 9, 2024, MMA filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, initiating the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case").
- 7. Following the petition date, MMA began asserting claims against the Successor Firms, both through litigation and through negotiated settlements.
- 8. On August 13, 2024, GLF timely filed a proof of claim in the Bankruptcy Case (the "POC").
- 9. MMA filed an objection to GLF's POC on February 5, 2025 (the "Claim Objection").
- 10. On April 28, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court converted the Claim Objection into an adversary

proceeding and directed GLF to file a formal complaint, thereby initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 25-03310 (the "Galindo Adversary").

- 11. On August 15, 2025, MMA filed a *Motion to Approve Compromise under Rule 9019* with Irpino, Avin & Hawkins Law Firm, a Successor Firm (the "**Irpino Settlement**").
- 12. Under the Irpino Settlement, Irpino is required to deposit \$81,413.21 into the registry of the Bankruptcy Court (the "Irpino Registry Funds") and, on a going-forward basis, to deposit 25% of all attorneys' fees it receives in connection with the MMA/Galindo cases into the Bankruptcy Court's Registry (the "Irpino Future Registry Funds").
- 13. On the same date, MMA also filed a separate *Motion to Approve Compromise under Rule* 9019 with Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest, LLC, a Successor Firm (the "**AKD Settlement**").
- 14. Pursuant to the AKD Settlement, AKD is required to deposit \$153,743.52 into the registry of the Bankruptcy Court (the "AKD Registry Funds"). Additionally, AKD has agreed, on a going-forward basis, to deposit 25% of all attorneys' fees it receives in the MMA/Galindo cases into the Court's registry (the "AKD Future Registry Funds").
- 15. On August 22, 2025, MMA filed a Complaint against GLF, initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 25-03633 (the "MMA Adversary").
- 16. The Galindo Adversary and the MMA Adversary are collectively referred to herein as the "Adversaries."
- 17. The Parties have reached a full and final global resolution of all disputes and claims related to the Adversaries, as set forth in this Agreement.
- 18. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

SETTLEMENT TERMS

- 19. The Settlement Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** sets forth the terms negotiated by the parties, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court. The key financial terms are summarized below:
 - a. GLF will pay \$250,000.00 to MMA on or before October 1, 2025.
 - b. GLF acknowledges that MMA is entitled to retain, free and clear of any GLF claim: All funds previously deposited or to be deposited into the Court Registry by Irpino and AKD (collectively, the "Irpino/AKD Funds"), including both current and future deposits.
 - c. GLF irrevocably waives all claims against any Successor Firm related to the MMA/Galindo Cases. Successor Firms may rely on this waiver as third-party beneficiaries.
 - d. If GLF receives any additional funds from any Successor Firm related to the MMA/Galindo Cases after September 4, 2025, it must remit 100% of those funds to MMA within 14 calendar days of receipt.
 - e. GLF will receive an allowed general unsecured claim in the Bankruptcy Case in the amount of \$2,500,000.

ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITIES

15. FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019 governs compromises with the trustee. An analysis of the factors in *Protective Committee for Independent Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc. v. Anderson*, 390 U.S. 414 (1968), will aid the court's decision in granting the compromise. The factors include: (i) the probability of success in the litigation, (ii) difficulty of collection of any judgment, (iii) the

complexity of the litigation; and (iv) deference to the concerns of creditors. These factors will each be addressed in the paragraphs below.

16. The Debtor asserts that the proposed settlement satisfies each of these factors and should be approved.

FACTOR 1: PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IN THE LITIGATION

17. MMA believes it has strong legal and factual grounds in the ongoing Adversary Proceedings. However, litigation outcomes are inherently uncertain, particularly where both parties assert competing claims for fees, and factual disputes arise from co-counsel relationships involving thousands of clients. The settlement avoids the risk of adverse rulings on either side and brings finality to all pending disputes between MMA and GLF.

FACTOR 2: DIFFICULTY OF COLLECTION ON A JUDGMENT

18. While GLF is a going concern, collection of any future judgment, particularly in light of potential offsets, appeals, or setoffs, could be delayed, expensive, and contested. The settlement provides certainty through an agreed, near-term payment of \$250,000 and obviates the need for enforcement efforts.

FACTOR 3: COMPLEXITY OF THE LITIGATION.

- 19. The factual and legal issues involved in the Adversary Proceedings are highly complex. They span questions of bankruptcy law, co-counsel fee-sharing, client entitlement, professional responsibility, and state law in numerous states including Louisiana and Texas.
- 20. The proceedings involve thousands of former clients, some represented by successor counsel, others not, across a wide range of case statuses and outcomes. Settlement avoids these burdens while producing tangible value.

FACTOR 4: DEFERENCE TO CREDITORS

21. The settlement directly benefits the estate and its creditors. It delivers an immediate cash payment of \$250,000, eliminates GLF's competing claims to registry funds in excess of \$235,000.00, and secures MMA's exclusive entitlement to 100% of future fee payments from all Successor Firms. These outcomes increase the estate's overall recoveries and reduce administrative complexity. The resolution also removes impediments to other pending settlements with Successor Firms, thereby enhancing overall estate value.

RELIEF REQUESTED

22. The Settlement Agreement is the product of arms-length negotiations between sophisticated parties, both represented by counsel, and reflects a full global resolution of all claims between MMA and GLF. It avoids uncertain litigation outcomes in two adversary proceedings, maximizes estate assets, and allows the Debtor to focus on plan confirmation, administration, and the 15 other pending adversary proceedings. The compromise is in the best interest of the estate, satisfies all applicable legal standards, and should be approved under Rule 9019.

EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUESTED

- 23. The Debtor respectfully requests that this Motion be considered on an emergency basis.
- 24. Expedited approval of the Settlement Agreement is requested because GLF has irrevocably waived all rights to receive funds from Successor Firms, thereby removing a major barrier to resolving numerous pending disputes. The Debtor currently has multiple adversary proceedings pending against Successor Firms, including two matters set for mediation in the coming weeks.
- 25. Prompt approval will confirm MMA's exclusive entitlement to the disputed funds, reduce uncertainty for counterparties, and support efforts to achieve additional settlements. This relief

will directly benefit the estate and its creditors by accelerating recoveries and minimizing litigation expense.

WHEREFORE, MMA Law Firm, PLLC prays that the court grant this Motion and approve the compromise of the controversy between the parties on substantially the same terms as set out in the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", authorize the parties to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the compromise, and for such other relief as the court finds appropriate and just to grant.

By: /s/ Miriam T. Goott
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Miriam Goott, hereby certify that I served a true and complete copy of the foregoing Motion to Approve Compromise was served on all parties listed in the attached Service List by first class mail and/or ECF on September 8, 2025.

/s/Miriam T. Goott Miriam T. Goott

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The Debtor and GLF hereby agree to the following terms and conditions below, which are expressly subject to approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court").

DEFINITIONS AND RECITALS

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PAYMENT TERMS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 18. On or before October 1, 2025, GLF shall remit payment to MMA in the amount of \$250,000.00, in good and sufficient funds.
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 - c. Irpino Registry Funds
 - d. Irpino Future Registry Funds
- 20. GLF irrevocably waives and relinquishes any and all claims it may have against any and all Successor Firms related to the MMA/Galindo Cases. This waiver is intended to provide assurance to Successor Firms that any settlements or payments made to MMA shall not subject them to liability or further claims by GLF and each of the Successor Firms may rely on this waiver

and release as third-party beneficiaries of this provision.

- 21. GLF agrees that, in the event it receives any funds after September 4, 2025, whether directly or indirectly, from any Successor Firm related to the MMA/Galindo Cases, GLF shall remit 100% of such funds to MMA within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt.
- 22. GLF shall be granted an allowed general unsecured claim in the Bankruptcy Case in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) (the "Allowed Claim")
- 23. Except as provided in Paragraph 22 regarding GLF's Allowed Claim in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, GLF irrevocably waives and releases any further claims to any fees, costs, or recovery from MMA arising out of or related to former MMA clients or cases.
- 24. Except for the rights afforded to GLF under Paragraph 22 with respect to its Allowed Claim, GLF hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from MMA, whether direct or indirect, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients, cases, co-counsel relationships, or any other matters associated with the MMA/Galindo Cases.
- 25. The Parties agree to jointly submit an Agreed Order concerning approval of both the AKD Settlement and the Irpino Settlement to the Bankruptcy Court no later than September 8, 2025.
- 26. GLF may propose to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "UCC") the inclusion of third-party releases in any Chapter 11 plan proposed by MMA. If such releases are accepted by the UCC and agreed to by MMA, MMA shall incorporate the releases into its plan and support their approval. GLF shall be responsible for advancing all out-of-pocket costs associated with providing any required notice required of such releases, including, without limitation, the costs of copies, postage, certifications, filings, and related labor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Bankruptcy Court rejects or denies approval of any third-party

releases included in the Chapter 11 plan, such rejection shall not constitute a condition precedent or a breach of this Settlement Agreement, and MMA reserves the right to refile or amend the plan to remove such third-party release provisions without affecting the enforceability or validity of this Settlement Agreement.

- 27. GLF shall support any Chapter 11 plan proposed by MMA that incorporates terms consistent with this Agreement.
- 28. In the event the Bankruptcy Court denies approval of this Settlement Agreement, then the Parties agree that all unexpired deadlines in the Adversaries, as of September 4, 2025, shall be extended for a period equal to the time elapsed between September 4, 2025, and the date of the Court's denial of the Settlement Agreement. In addition, the deposition of John Zachary Moseley shall be rescheduled.
- 29. The Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any disputes arising under or related to this Settlement Agreement.
- 30. Upon full performance of the terms and conditions herein, each of the Parties, on behalf of themselves, their respective current and former affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, members, managers, partners, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns, hereby mutually release and discharge each other from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of or related to the Adversaries.
- 31. Subject to the full performance of all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions herein, MMA hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from GLF, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients.

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- 32. Subject to the full performance of all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions herein, GLF hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from MMA, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients.
- 33. This Agreement is subject in its entirety to Bankruptcy Court approval, without which it shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

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| Dated: | 7-0-2023 | |

/S/ JOHN ZACHARY MOSELEY

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| MMA LAW FIRM, PLLC | § Chapter 11 |
| Debtor. | § Chapter 11§§ |
| WITH CRISTOB (Relates | VING COMPROMISE BAL M. GALINDO, PC to ECF No) |
| It is | |
| ORDERED that the Debtor's l | Motion to Compromise Controversy with Cristobal |
| M. Galindo, PC ("GLF") is granted in | ı full, and it is further |
| ORDERED that the Settlemen | nt Agreement attached hereto is approved, and it is |
| further | |
| ORDERED that the Debtor an | d GLF are authorized to enter into and consummate |
| the Settlement Agreement according to | o the terms and conditions contained in the attached |
| Settlement Agreement, and it is further | r |
| ORDERED that this Court reta | ains jurisdiction over all disputes that may be related |
| to the interpretation or enforcement of | the Settlement Agreement. |
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| SIGNED: | |
| CHIEF | UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE |

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between MMA Law Firm, PLLC (formerly known as McClenny Moseley and Associates) ("MMA" or the "Debtor"), on the one hand, and Cristobal M. Galindo, PC ("GLF"), on the other hand. MMA and GLF are each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

The Debtor and GLF hereby agree to the following terms and conditions below, which are expressly subject to approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court").

DEFINITIONS AND RECITALS

- 1. MMA is a Texas-based litigation firm that represented thousands of clients in insurance claims following Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta, and Ida (collectively, the "Hurricane Cases").
- 2. In a substantial number of the Hurricane Cases, MMA entered into co-counsel agreements with GLF, under which both firms jointly represented clients on a contingency fee basis (the "MMA/Galindo Cases").
- 3. On March 3, 2023, the Honorable James D. Cain, Jr., United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, issued an order suspending the licenses of all attorneys affiliated

with MMA for a period of ninety (90) days (the "Suspension Order").

- 4. Following the entry of the Suspension Order, numerous third-party law firms (collectively, the "Successor Firms") assumed legal representation of thousands of clients previously jointly represented by MMA and GLF in the MMA/Galindo Cases. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this Agreement, "Successor Firms" does not include GLF.
- 5. On April 9, 2024, MMA filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, initiating the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case").
- 6. Following the petition date, MMA began asserting claims against the Successor Firms, both through litigation and through negotiated settlements.
- 7. On August 13, 2024, GLF timely filed a proof of claim in the Bankruptcy Case (the "POC").
- 8. MMA filed an objection to GLF's POC on February 5, 2025 (the "Claim Objection").
- 9. On April 28, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court converted the Claim Objection into an adversary proceeding and directed GLF to file a formal complaint, thereby initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 25-03310 (the "Galindo Adversary").
- 10. On August 15, 2025, MMA filed a *Motion to Approve Compromise under Rule 9019* with Irpino, Avin & Hawkins Law Firm, a Successor Firm (the "**Irpino Settlement**").
- 11. Under the Irpino Settlement, Irpino is required to deposit \$81,413.21 into the registry of the Bankruptcy Court (the "Irpino Registry Funds") and, on a going-forward basis, to deposit 25% of all attorneys' fees it receives in connection with the MMA/Galindo cases into the Bankruptcy Court's Registry (the "Irpino Future Registry Funds").
- 12. On the same date, MMA also filed a separate *Motion to Approve Compromise under Rule* 9019 with Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest, LLC, a Successor Firm (the "**AKD Settlement**").
- 13. Pursuant to the AKD Settlement, AKD is required to deposit \$153,743.52 into the registry

of the Bankruptcy Court (the "AKD Registry Funds"). Additionally, AKD has agreed, on a going-forward basis, to deposit 25% of all attorneys' fees it receives in the MMA/Galindo cases into the Court's registry (the "AKD Future Registry Funds").

- 14. On August 22, 2025, MMA filed a Complaint against GLF, initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 25-03633 (the "MMA Adversary").
- 15. The Galindo Adversary and the MMA Adversary are collectively referred to herein as the "Adversaries."
- 16. The Parties have reached a full and final global resolution of all disputes and claims related to the Adversaries, as set forth in this Agreement.
- 17. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

PAYMENT TERMS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 18. On or before October 1, 2025, GLF shall remit payment to MMA in the amount of \$250,000.00, in good and sufficient funds.
- 19. GLF hereby acknowledges and agrees that MMA is entitled to retain the entirety of the following funds, free and clear of any claim by GLF:
 - a. AKD Registry Funds
 - b. AKD Future Registry Funds
 - c. Irpino Registry Funds
 - d. Irpino Future Registry Funds
- 20. GLF irrevocably waives and relinquishes any and all claims it may have against any and all Successor Firms related to the MMA/Galindo Cases. This waiver is intended to provide assurance to Successor Firms that any settlements or payments made to MMA shall not subject them to liability or further claims by GLF and each of the Successor Firms may rely on this waiver

and release as third-party beneficiaries of this provision.

- 21. GLF agrees that, in the event it receives any funds after September 4, 2025, whether directly or indirectly, from any Successor Firm related to the MMA/Galindo Cases, GLF shall remit 100% of such funds to MMA within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt.
- 22. GLF shall be granted an allowed general unsecured claim in the Bankruptcy Case in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) (the "Allowed Claim")
- 23. Except as provided in Paragraph 22 regarding GLF's Allowed Claim in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, GLF irrevocably waives and releases any further claims to any fees, costs, or recovery from MMA arising out of or related to former MMA clients or cases.
- 24. Except for the rights afforded to GLF under Paragraph 22 with respect to its Allowed Claim, GLF hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from MMA, whether direct or indirect, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients, cases, co-counsel relationships, or any other matters associated with the MMA/Galindo Cases.
- 25. The Parties agree to jointly submit an Agreed Order concerning approval of both the AKD Settlement and the Irpino Settlement to the Bankruptcy Court no later than September 8, 2025.
- 26. GLF may propose to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "UCC") the inclusion of third-party releases in any Chapter 11 plan proposed by MMA. If such releases are accepted by the UCC and agreed to by MMA, MMA shall incorporate the releases into its plan and support their approval. GLF shall be responsible for advancing all out-of-pocket costs associated with providing any required notice required of such releases, including, without limitation, the costs of copies, postage, certifications, filings, and related labor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Bankruptcy Court rejects or denies approval of any third-party

releases included in the Chapter 11 plan, such rejection shall not constitute a condition precedent or a breach of this Settlement Agreement, and MMA reserves the right to refile or amend the plan to remove such third-party release provisions without affecting the enforceability or validity of this Settlement Agreement.

- 27. GLF shall support any Chapter 11 plan proposed by MMA that incorporates terms consistent with this Agreement.
- 28. In the event the Bankruptcy Court denies approval of this Settlement Agreement, then the Parties agree that all unexpired deadlines in the Adversaries, as of September 4, 2025, shall be extended for a period equal to the time elapsed between September 4, 2025, and the date of the Court's denial of the Settlement Agreement. In addition, the deposition of John Zachary Moseley shall be rescheduled.
- 29. The Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any disputes arising under or related to this Settlement Agreement.
- 30. Upon full performance of the terms and conditions herein, each of the Parties, on behalf of themselves, their respective current and former affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, members, managers, partners, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns, hereby mutually release and discharge each other from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of or related to the Adversaries.
- 31. Subject to the full performance of all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions herein, MMA hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from GLF, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients.

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- 32. Subject to the full performance of all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions herein, GLF hereby irrevocably waives, releases, and forever disclaims any and all rights, claims, or entitlements to attorneys' fees, costs, reimbursements, or any other form of compensation or recovery from MMA, arising from or relating to any former MMA clients.
- 33. This Agreement is subject in its entirety to Bankruptcy Court approval, without which it shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

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| Dated: | 7-0-2023 |

/S/ JOHN ZACHARY MOSELEY

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Cristobal Galindo, President